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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORT AND MILITARY BASE

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER LEARNED OF NEW AIRPORT AND
MILITARY BASE CONSTRUCTION DURING DISCUSSIONS
WITH LOCAL PILOTS ON JANUARY 23. AN AREA WHICH
LIES NEAR DORA, GUYANA, HAS RECENTLY BEEN CLEARED
AND APPEARS TO BE THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE CON-
STRUCTION OF AN AIRSTRIP.
THE AREA CLEARED IS IN
LINE WITH MAGNETIC EAST AND WEST AND IS ABOUT
12,000 FEET LONG. THE PILOTS NOTED THAT THE PRE-
VAILING WINDS IN THAT AREA COINCIDE WITH THE
AXIS OF THE CLEARED AREA. HOWEVER, SINCE THE
INITIAL WORK WAS COMPLETED ON THE SITE, THERE HAS
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BEEN NO INDICATION THAT FURTHER CONSTRUCTION HAS
TAKEN PLACE.

2. THE MOST EXPERIENCED OF THE PILOTS, AN
EMPLOYEE OF GUYANA AIRWAYS CORPORATION, STATED
THAT THE GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE HAS BEEN PLANNING
TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY BASE AND MILITARY AIRPORT

APART FROM THE CIVILIAN AIR FACILITIES PRESENTLY LOCATED AT TIMEHRI. ACCORDING TO THIS PILOT, DURING THE CUBAN AIRLIFT TO ANGOLA, THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO BEGIN PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY AIRSTRIP AND BASE, WHOSE OPERATION WOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY. HE FEELS THAT THIS CLEARED AREA IS A PART OF A MILITARY COMPLEX WHICH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE DORA AREA.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE CLEARING AT DORA, ONE PILOT SAID THAT THE GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE HAS STOCKPILED LARGE SIZE WOODEN CRATES IN THE VICINITY OF MACKENSIE. THESE CRATES WERE RECENTLY DELIVERED CLANDESTINELY FROM CUBA ON GUYANESE FISHING TRAWLERS. THE CRATES ARE ABOUT 12X12X12 FEET IN SIZE AND ARE SUPPOSED TO CONTAIN ARTILLERY PIECES. (COMMENT: IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT GUYANA RECENTLY RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM CUBA.) BLACKEN

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